

# SPRING PARK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Today is Wednesday, October 19, 2011 Day 1**

At Spring Park School, quality education is a priority for everyone. Every child is given the opportunity to develop to his/her full potential through a positive learning environment with on-going communication among teachers, parents, and students.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

October 19	Open House - Plans for the New School - 6:30 - 8:00 at Birchwood Cafeteria
October 20 - 21	Annual PEITF Convention(No Classes)
October 25	School photos -retakes at both sites St. Jean / Birchwood
October 27	Parent Teacher Interviews after school and evening
October 28	Parent Teacher Interviews (No Classes - All day)
November 9	Remembrance Day Assembly - 10:45 a.m. at Birchwood site
November 9	French Immersion Kindergarten 2012-2013 Parent Information Meeting (See info below)
November 10	Professional Development Day - (No Classes)
November 11	Remembrance Day - (No Classes)
November 14-18	Kindergarten Registration Week - For the school year 2012-2013

### **French Immersion Kindergarten 2012-2013 Parent Information Meeting**

Meeting for Spring Park Elementary will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at St. Jean Elementary, 335 Queen St. and is to inform parents and to answer any questions they may have about Early French Immersion Kindergarten.

**Kindergarten Registration Week: November 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS**

Congratulations to The Spring Park Cross Country Team who competed at the Unit 3 Meet on October 11th. Congratulations to all students who participated in the Spring Park Kilometre Club. Results and qualifying athletes from the Unit Meet who moved onto the Provincial Championships:

Pre-Novice Boys: Nigel Morris 3rd place, Charlie Morse 14th place  
Novice Boys: Declan MacEachern 4th place, Jack Morse 14th place, Thomas Casey 18th place

Novice Boys Team placed 3rd at the Unit Meet - Declan MacEachern, Jack Morse, Thomas Casey, Patrick Young, Seth Morris, Sam Cutcliffe, and Jonathan MacKenzie

Results from the Provincial Cross Country Championships which took place Saturday, Oct. 15th at Mill River Provincial Park:

Pre-Novice Boys: Nigel Morris 9th place  
Novice Boys: Declan MacEachern 7th place  
The Novice Boys Team placed 2nd overall.

### **BADMINTON CLUB**

Spring Park is offering a Badminton Club for all students grade 4-6 at Queen Charlotte Intermediate Gymnasium. For more details on the club please get a permission form from Mrs. Murnaghan.

### **SPORTS FAIR**

Grade 5 and 6 classes will be attending the P.E.I. Sports Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 26th.

### **MUSIC NEWS**

The Children's Wish Christmas CD is now available to order. All choir members who sang on the CD have been given order forms. CDs are \$10 and will be available for Christmas. Please make cheques payable to The Children's Wish Foundation as all proceeds go to them.

### **GOOD NEWS**

Congratulations goes out to Julia Bovaird in class 5C who designed the artwork for this year's P.E.I. Teachers Federation brochure.

### **UNPREDICTABLE WEATHER/WARM CLOTHING**

The weather tends to be fairly unpredictable these days. Please keep this in mind as we move into the fall season. Please dress your children appropriately so that they are comfortable. Please label all clothing and footwear.

### **EARLY CLOSURE PLANS**

Please take the time to review your early closure plans with your children on a regular basis. It is less confusing to everyone if they are aware of where they are going in case of an early dismissal. If you haven't yet sent in your plan or if the plan has changed please send a note to your child's teacher. Also if you have any changes in contact information please let us know as soon as possible.

### **PICKING UP CHILDREN - APPOINTMENTS**

If your child is to leave the school early, please send a note in the morning to remind your child and teacher of the appointment. The teacher will then send your child up to the office, to be picked up at the requested time.

### **SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAMS**

To insure your child arrives safely to school, we have a **SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM** in place. We have a **VOICE MAIL** system in place if your child is going to be absent or late, please call our voice mail number **569-7785** and leave a detailed message including child's name and teacher's name and/or class. This **voice mail** is only to be used for the **safe arrival program** and we cannot relay other messages from it. We really appreciate your cooperation with this matter. If your child is late, please have them report to the office before going to their classroom. **We also ask that you call the office with any change of phone numbers, contact information bussing changes etc. so that our information is current and up to date.**

### **HOME & SCHOOL NEWS**

Plan to attend an open house from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Birchwood cafeteria on Wednesday, October 19, to learn about the plans for the new school. Representatives from Spring Park School, our Home and School Association, Department of Education, Eastern School District will be there, as well as the architect and other professionals, to answer any questions you may have. Refreshments will be served. Because of this event, there will be no October Home and School meeting. For updates on H&S activities, please visit us at our new

Web site: <http://sphsa.ca/>

### **Executive Council 2011-2012**

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### **Fundraising Update**

The Playground Renewal Committee wants to thank those who have participated in the Recycling Fundraiser. Nineteen families have returned their empties and recycled. Some families have donated over \$20 worth which is awesome. We have some great prizes for those who participate. Owl's Hollow is donating prizes and Walmart is giving us a bunch of gift cards!

The new recycling fundraiser program is simple and ongoing. Families can return all of your empty cans, water bottles, tetra packs, juice containers, wine and beer bottles, etc., to A & S Bottle Exchange at 33 Thompson Drive in Charlottetown. When you go to the cashier, just tell them that you are donating your refund to the SPS Playground Renewal Project. Their staff will fill out a donation receipt for you and give you a copy.

Spring Park Home and School is organizing a fall/winter coupon book campaign for early November. More information to follow!